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News worth sharing.

‘We have a problem, no doubt about it’

- Police have received a lot of emails expressing support: Acting chief
- Larochelle confident Ottawa police ‘will emerge from this stronger than ever’

TRACEY TONG/METRO

▶ Ottawa police have engaged the services of an outside firm that will conduct a review of policies and training, said acting police chief Gilles Larochelle.

Ottawa police have called in the Ontario Provincial Police to investigate two new cases of alleged abuse of prisoners in the cellblocks.

Acting chief Gilles Larochelle said he learned about two new incidents “concerning cellblock operations” since Friday. The incidents are in addition to two currently being investigated by the province’s Special Investigations Unit.

The new cases, which are before the courts and involve both sworn and civilian members, have been deferred to the OPP, said Larochelle. Further cases will also be forwarded to the OPP.

“I am extremely concerned with the fact that we are learning of more incidents related to how Ottawa police deals with individuals in our custody,” he said.

While police have highly competent investigators, Larochelle said he felt it was important to seek assistance from an outside agency. He received confirmation from the OPP that they would proceed with the new investigations late yesterday afternoon.

“We have a problem, there’s no doubt about it, and we need to identify the issues so that we can take measures to correct them.

“The problem is how prisoners are brought into our cellblock. In viewing some of these tapes, we acknowledge the fact that the officer’s actions are questionable,” he said.

TRACEY TONG

News

3 in custody after teen fatally shot

- Police confirm 16-year-old dumped from car died of gunshot wound
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Habs’ win streak continues at Sens’ expense

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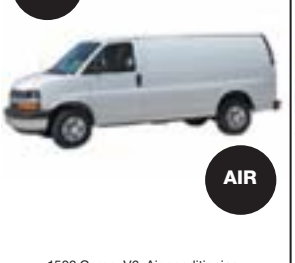

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Arrests in teen's shooting death

- Devastated family, friends gather at home of slain teen to await results of autopsy
- Crisis counsellors, chaplaincy support helped grieving members of Notre Dame community

JOE LOFARO/FOR METRO

▶ A police cruiser sits outside Notre Dame High School yesterday as police continue their investigation into the homicide of 16-year-old Yazden Ghiasvand Ghiasi.

JOE LOFARO
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Three men are in custody in connection with what police are now calling the 10th homicide of the year.

An autopsy conducted yesterday determined that Yazden Ghiasvand Ghiasi, 16, died as a result of a gunshot wound.

The community was left stunned after the injured teen was dumped from a car on a Booth Street sidewalk just before 10:30 a.m. Monday and left to die.

Ghiasi, who was a student at Notre Dame High School, was mourned by emotional students and teachers yesterday.

The school had set up a memorial table in the front entrance with a picture of Ghiasi for students to pay their respects.

"Everyone was in the chapel and they were just really sad about what happened."
REBECCA, STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Rebecca, a 16-year-old Notre Dame student, said she was in shock when she heard the news on Facebook after seeing several messages of condolence on the social networking site.

"I heard the news ... then I realized he was from our school," said Patrick Zapata, a Grade 12 student.

"Our community has suffered a devastating loss," said school board spokeswoman Mardi de Kemp. "Our prayers go out to his family and friends at this most difficult time."

The three men in custody have not yet been charged. Ottawa police have also seized the car from which Ghiasi was dumped after being shot.

The investigation continues.

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News in brief

Two hurt in fiery collision

BLAZE. Two 29-year-old men were taken to hospital and one remains in critical condition after their car crashed into an apartment building and caught fire, officials said.

Police, paramedics and firefighters were called to 1175 Meadowlands Dr. just before 3 a.m. yesterday. Firefighters extinguished the burning Chrysler, which had released smoke into the building and forced residents to evacuate. Damage is estimated at $100,000. STEVE COLLINS

Three hurt in car-bus crash

COLLISION. Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to free a person from a four-door Pontiac after it collided with an OC Transpo bus Monday. Officials said the vehicles collided at Labelle Street and Michael Street in the city's east end at around 9:30 p.m. Three people sustained non-life-threatening injuries. STEVE COLLINS

Cops celebrate human rights

RIGHTS. Ottawa police invite the public to celebrate United Nations Human Rights Day at the Elgin Street station Friday at 11:30 a.m. Police will display flags and religious and cultural symbols from Ottawa communities that have taken part in this year's flag and banner recognition program. STEVE COLLINS

Flu shots still available

HEALTH. Ottawa Public Health is helping residents stay healthy this flu season by offering free vaccine clinics. Shots are available from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at Gloucester High School. To find a list of locations administering the shot, visit www.ottawa.ca/flu or call 311. STEVE COLLINS

Man gets jail term for bombing bank

- Royal Bank was targeted for involvement with 2010 Olympics, oilsands
- The Crown had recommended a five- or six-year sentence

STEVE COLLINS
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A retired public servant has been sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison for firebombing an Ottawa bank earlier this year.

Roger Clement, 58, pleaded guilty to the May 18 arson, which caused $1.6 million in damage to an RBC branch in the Glebe, last month.

Ontario Court Justice Celynne Dorval also sentenced Clement to six months for the $11,000 in damage he had caused to another branch last February, but credited him for five-and-a-half months he had already served in the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre. Dorval said the ex-bureaucrat's otherwise "exemplary life" did not excuse his lack of remorse.

Letters of reference portraying Clement, 58, as a generous and caring man who helped ailing family members as well as friends and strangers, and his guilty plea on a first offence were considered as mitigating factors, Dorval said.

Although Clement said Monday he would not reoffend and regretted the inconvenience and expense incurred by his actions, she said, "This is not an expression of remorse."

Other aggravating factors, she said, were the crime's political motive, Clement's leadership role, and the apparent degree of pre-meditation involved in acquiring voice-disguising software, disguises and large quantities of gasoline.

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

▶ Roger Clement's lawyer, Lawrence Greenspon, speaks to media outside the courthouse after yesterday's sentencing.

"She clearly reviewed all the evidence and considered the case law, and I think the sentence is a fair one."
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Forecast healthy for real estate in Ottawa: Report

With average prices above $300,000, the demand for condos has been bolstered for the years ahead

The price of real estate in Ottawa, which climbed to a new high this year, will continue to rise in 2011, a report released yesterday stated.

The average residential price in Ottawa, which rose from $304,080 in 2009 to $325,000 in 2010, is expected to rise to $340,000 in 2011, the report said.

Virtually all 26 major centres surveyed have reported an upswing in average price, ranging from just under one per cent to 15 per cent this year.

5% The value of homes in the capital, as well as in Vancouver, Kelowna, Regina, Saskatoon, London-St. Thomas, Sudbury and Montreal, is set to climb by five per cent.

"The past decade was truly unprecedented — never before have we experienced a run-up that was as strong or lasted as long," said Michael Polzler, executive vice-president, regional director, RE/MAX Ontario-Atlantic Canada.

In 2011, people can expect to see ample inventory levels, steady demand, and moderate growth, both in terms of sales and prices — all hallmarks of a healthy cycle, Polzler said.

Almost all markets, including Ottawa, are reporting an anticipated increase in housing values next year.

TRACEY TONG

▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Olympic short - track speedskater Marianne St-Gelais sport a pair of this year's Olympic mittens on Parliament Hill yesterday.

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Beat the chill on the Hill

PARLIAMENT RENOVATION

Tory denies cash paid for contracts

A longtime Conservative operative denies he asked a contractor to throw a party fundraiser as payback for getting work on Parliament Hill.

Gilles Prud'Homme dismissed as a fabrication the whole cash-for-contracts claim surrounding renovation work on the historic West Block.

"Somebody is trying to invent a story where there isn't one," Prud'Homme testified under oath yesterday at the government operations committee.

Contractor Paul Sauve has said he paid Tory-connected businessman Gilles Varin $140,000 to help him win a $9-million renovation contract with Public Works in 2008.

Sauve says he was later directed by Varin and Prud'Homme to set up a fundraiser for a Montreal-area Conservative riding association that was attended by the public works minister.

"It stinks to high heaven," in the words of New Democrat MP Pat Martin.

No one — including Varin — is denying Varin was paid six figures, but exactly what services he rendered remains a mystery.

Varin is not a registered lobbyist.

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Car-truck crash sends boy, 7, to hospital

A seven-year-old boy was sent to hospital with life-threatening injuries yesterday morning following a collision with a flatbed truck in Gatineau, CBC News Online reports.

Police said that around 7:42 a.m., the driver of the car was turning when the truck, which was travelling straight through the intersection, and car collided.

The boy was unconscious when police arrived at the scene of the collision. Before being transported to a Hull hospital, the boy had to be rescued from the wreckage by fire crews.

The female driver was treated for shock at hospital. The driver of the truck was not injured.

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Landmark trip for Japanese probe

Akatsuki is designed to monitor volcanic activity on Venus and provide data on its atmosphere and climate, including whether the planet has lightning The probe is equipped with infrared cameras

A Japanese probe reached Venus yesterday and prepared to enter orbit on a two-year mission that would mark a major milestone for Japan's space program and could shed light on the climate of Earth's mysterious neighbour.

The probe, called Akatsuki, which means "dawn," would be the first Japan has ever placed into orbit around another planet and comes after the country recently brought a probe back from a trip to an asteroid.

Other space programs, including the Americans' and the Europeans', have successfully launched missions to orbit other planets.

Scientists said they briefly lost contact with the probe early yesterday. They encountered new communication problems later in the day and were not able to confirm if it was successful.

Agency spokesman Tsutomu Yoshioka said it would take several more hours than expected to determine the probe's status.

The 25-billion-yen ($300-million) project is supposed to maintain an elliptical orbit around Venus, ranging from passes 300 kilometres from the planet's surface to outer swings 80,000 kilometres away that will allow it to comprehensively monitor weather patterns.

One of the mysteries scientists are hoping to clear up is the intensity of surface winds on Venus that are believed to reach up to speeds of 360 km/h.

Japan's space agency, called JAXA, said the probe was to continue monitoring Venus from its orbit for two years.

Inserting the probe into orbit would be a big success for Japan, which previously failed in an effort to put probes around Mars. The Mars mission, called Nozomi, or "hope," and launched in 1998 experienced a series of technical glitches.

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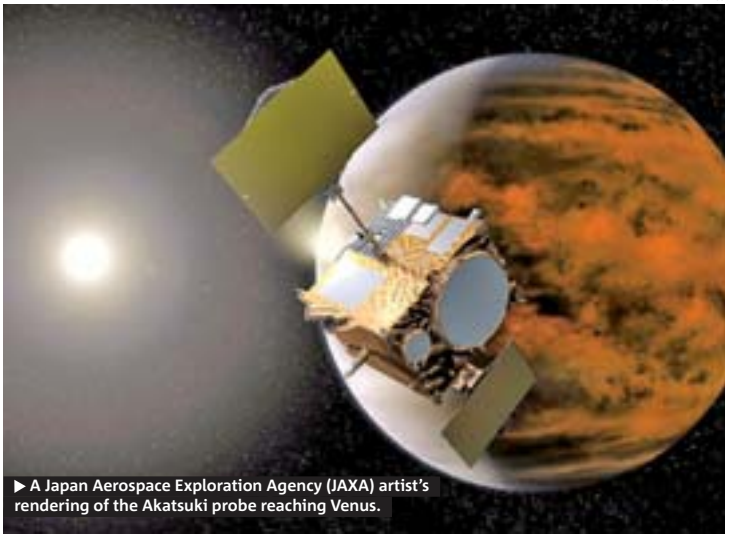

▶ A Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) artist's rendering of the Akatsuki probe reaching Venus.

Space program

Japan has long been one of the world's leading space-faring nations.

- It was the first Asian country to put a satellite in orbit around the Earth — in 1970 — and has developed a highly reliable booster rocket in its H-2 series.
- However, Japan has been overshadowed in recent years by the big strides of China, which has put astronauts in space twice since 2003 and was the third country to send a human into orbit after Russia and the United States.
- Japan's space program has never attempted manned flight and instead operates on a shoestring budget that focuses primarily on small-scale scientific projects.

News in brief

▶ U.S. President Barack Obama

Obama defends tax concessions

POLITICS. Firing back at his Democratic critics, U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday crisply defended concessions he made to Republicans as part of a tax cut compromise, saying, "I'm not here to play games with the American people or the health of the economy." The deal, which officials said would add approximately $900 billion US to U.S. deficits over two years, includes an extension of income tax cuts at all levels, a renewal of jobless benefits and a one-year cut in Social Security taxes paid by workers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bomb kills baby in India

ALERT. Indian police are on high alert after a baby girl was killed and 25 were wounded when a bomb exploded on the riverside ghats of Varanasi, one of India's holiest cities. Four people are in critical condition, officials said. India's home ministry has issued a nationwide alert, emphasizing visitors to four of the country's major cities — New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Hyderabad — should use caution.
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Canada lacks climate strategy: Watchdog

ENVIRONMENT. Twenty years' of weak leadership on the environment means the federal government now has no strategy to deal with the increasing effects of climate change, says Canada's environmental auditor. Ottawa also lacks a solid plan for major oil spills, says Scott Vaughan, commissioner of the environment and sustainable development.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chinese miners killed in blast

EXPLOSION. An explosion in a coal mine in central China killed 13 miners who were working despite an order to halt production at the site, state media reported yesterday in the latest tragedy to strike the country's accident-ridden mining industry. Another 20 miners survived the blast that struck at the operation in Henan province's Mianchi County, Xinhua News Agency said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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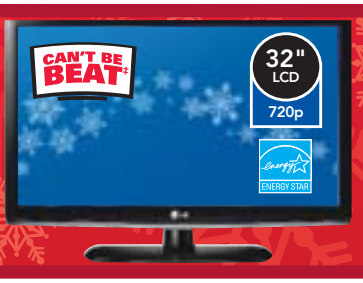

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China accused of sabotaging Nobel's big day

Nearly 20 countries to stay away from Friday Peace Prize ceremony Clear signal of pressure, officials say

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▶ Protesters hold boxes containing greeting cards for Liu Xiaobo.

At least 19 countries will not attend this year's Nobel Peace Prize ceremony honouring jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo, officials confirmed yesterday.

It was the clearest signal yet that the Chinese government, furious at international recognition for its No. 1 jailed dissident, is hard at work trying to sabotage Friday's ceremony.

The Nobel committee is honoring Liu as China's "foremost symbol" of human rights.

The Chinese government, however, calls him "a criminal" for trying to promote democracy in China.

Nobel secretary Geir Lundestad said in a telephone interview that he could not recall a higher number of countries "unable to attend" during his 20 years at the Nobel Foundation — saying it might be "the highest" number ever.

He said not all 19 on the absentee list could be directly attributable to Chinese pressure.

Lundestad stressed that nothing would put a damper on Friday's festivities — even the fact that neither Liu Xiaobo, nor wife Liu Xia, nor any family member would be allowed by the Chinese government to attend.

Liu is serving an 11-year term for allegedly trying to overthrow the state, his wife has been placed under a form of house arrest in Beijing.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Passed on. An inspiring life

▶ Elizabeth Edwards "knew tragedy and pain," U.S. President Barack Obama said last night. She died yesterday at age 61.

MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A passionate advocate

Elizabeth Edwards, who closely advised her husband, John, in two bids for the U.S. presidency and advocated for health care even as her marriage publicly crumbled, died yesterday after a six-year struggle with cancer. "She remains the heart of this family," her relatives said in a statement.

Disgraced ex-coach to get bail in sex case

A judge says he will grant bail to disgraced former junior hockey coach Graham James, who faces new sex charges in Winnipeg.

Final conditions for his release won't be set until next week and he is to remain in jail until then.

James faces nine charges stemming from alleged encounters involving three boys, one of them Theo Fleury, who became a National Hockey League star.

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James, 58, served more than a year in jail in the late 1990s for assaulting three young hockey players, including NHLer Sheldon Kennedy. James was pardoned and moved to Mexico. But he returned to face the new charges.

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Girl's ID hangs in the balance

Court case deals with alleged defamation on Facebook

Nova Scotia's highest court is debating whether the media should be allowed to report the name of a teenage girl who was allegedly defamed on a phoney Facebook page.

The provincial Court of Appeal heard submissions yesterday from lawyers for the girl's family and two media outlets — the Halifax Chronicle Herald and Global TV. The court must also decide whether the alleged offending comments should be made public.

Michelle Awad, who is representing the family, told the court that allowing media to identify the girl — who is trying to find out who is behind the postings — would only cause further harm.

"We're dealing with a child," she said. "The court must decide what's in the best interests of this child."

In May, a Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge approved a court order requiring a Halifax-based Internet provider to reveal the identity of the customer who posted the comments.

However, Justice Arthur LeBlanc denied a request to ban the media from reporting the girl's name and any details from the now defunct page. The girl's family is appealing LeBlanc's decision. In the meantime, media outlets are subject to a publication ban.

Awad said the social networking page included allegedly defamatory and anonymous comments about the girl's appearance and sexual preference.

Officials with Facebook Inc. have already given Awad the numerical Internet address assigned to the computer used to create the account. But the family needs to get a name or names from the Internet provider, Eastlink Inc., before they can proceed with a defamation case.

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Identity crisis

Nancy Rubin, a lawyer for the Halifax Chronicle Herald, said shielding the girl's identity does not serve a public purpose.

- **"The public** should know what words constitute cyber bullying," she said outside court.
- **Alan Parish,** a lawyer for Global TV, told the court the appeal should be dismissed. He said some people contemplating court action won't follow through when they realize it could be made public.

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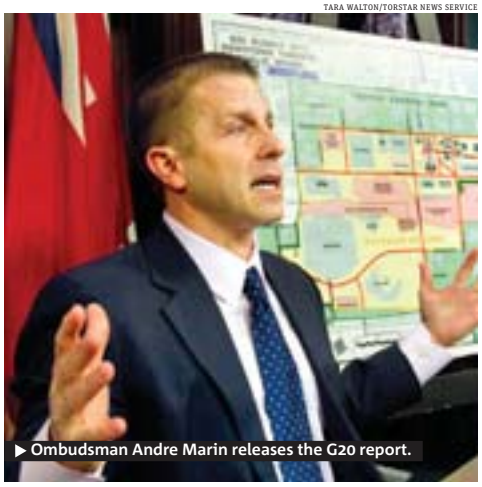

▶ Ombudsman Andre Marin releases the G20 report.

Angry ombudsman assails 'mass violation of civil rights' in Toronto

Martial law ruled Toronto during the G20 summit.

It slipped into existence after Ontario secretly gave police wartime powers, resulting in a mass violation of civil rights unprecedented in Canada, the provincial watchdog said yesterday.

Deliberate misinformation surrounding a revamped Second World War regulation led people to wrongly believe police had the power to demand identification and detain anyone coming within five metres of the G20 security fence.

"It is clear to me that we should have communicated the regulation much more directly, clearly and promptly."
JIM BRADLEY, COMMUNITY SAFETY MINISTER

"Darn right, you could have done better."
ANDRE MARIN, OMBUDSMAN

The law, in fact, applied only to people entering the zone.

Still, it should have been dubbed the five-kilometre rule given police were stopping and searching people far from the fences in the downtown core, said ombudsman Andre Marin.

The more than 1,000 arrests and illegal detention of hundreds, or even thousands, of others during the June summit was a "mass violation of civil rights," said Marin.

"For the citizens of Toronto, the days up to and including the weekend of the G20 will live in infamy as a time period where martial law set in the city of Toronto, leading to the most massive compromise of civil liberties in Canadian history."

In the early 1970s, then prime minister Pierre Trudeau went to Parliament to hold a debate before enacting the War Measures Act, but Ontario went out of its way to keep the new law on police powers quiet, said Marin.

Premier Dalton McGuinty refused to comment.

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For All Ontarians

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As of mid-December 2010, the ministry will assume custody and control of patients' laboratory test information that is submitted to and stored in OLIS. MOHLTC will then begin providing your test results to eHealth Ontario, to enable eHealth Ontario to share this information electronically with your health care providers. eHealth Ontario is the public agency that is working to deliver a secure and private electronic health care system for all Ontarians. As an agent of MOHLTC, eHealth Ontario can share this information electronically with any health care provider who delivers your health care in Ontario. MOHLTC will use and disclose your information only as permitted by law, and work to ensure that your information is secure and your privacy is respected.

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For Ontarians Living with Diabetes

There are three key tests that people living with diabetes should receive on a regular basis. They are:

- the HbA1C blood glucose control test, which patients should receive at least every six months;
- the LDL-C cholesterol test, which patients should receive every year, and
- a retinal eye exam, which patients should receive every two years.

The Diabetes Testing Report was created to keep your primary care provider (physician or nurse practitioner) informed of when you last had each of these three tests.

People living with diabetes who are tested regularly are better able to manage their diabetes and avoid complications. The Report will help you and your primary care provider better manage your diabetes care by reminding him or her if you are overdue for an HbA1C test, LDL-C test, or retinal eye exam, and it will encourage you and your primary care provider to talk about your diabetes care.

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Economist weighs in on polygamy laws

Admits under cross-examination there's no proof legalization will increase polygamy in Canada

Women are treated like commodities in polygamous societies and their economic freedoms are reduced.

That's the opinion of economist Shoshana Grossbard who testified at B.C. Supreme Court yesterday in a case to determine whether the country's polygamy laws are constitutional.

Grossbard, who has studied the economic effects of polygamy in other countries, testified that there will be increased disparity between husbands and wives if Canada were to legalize polygamy.

"In the cultures and societies worldwide that have embraced it, polygamy is associated with undesirable economic, societal, physical and emotional factors related to women's well-being," Grossbard said yesterday.

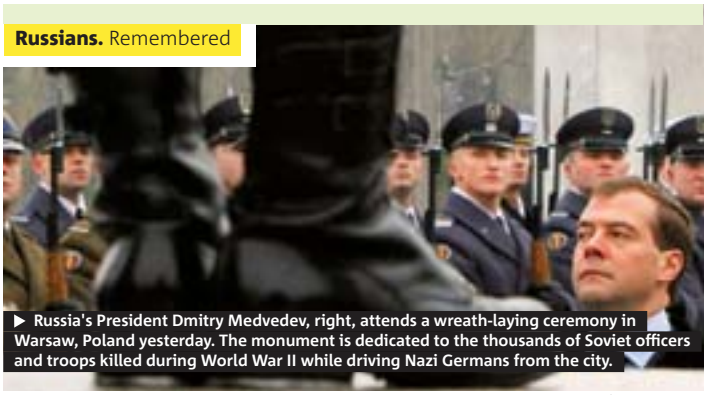
50 The attorneys general for B.C. and Canada are in court arguing that the 50-year-old polygamy law in the country is constitutionally valid.

The natural economic consequence of polygamy should be increased market value for women, since multiple wives are highly desirable. But in these societies, husbands can simply divorce the wives they don't want, so women don't actually have control over their value.

Grossbard was a witness for the Christian Legal Fellowship, an organization that has legal standing in the reference case that has involved nearly a dozen intervenors and organizations.

There are nearly 800 believers of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints living in the interior of B.C. in two separate factions under two feuding leaders, Winston Blackmore and James Oler. Among them, the two men have dozens of wives and dozens of children. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Russians. Remembered



▶ Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev, right, attends a wreath-laying ceremony in Warsaw, Poland yesterday. The monument is dedicated to the thousands of Soviet officers and troops killed during World War II while driving Nazi Germans from the city.

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Soldiers honoured in Warsaw

SAN FRANCISCO

FBI watch Barbies

The FBI has issued a cyber crime alert on a new Barbie doll that comes with a hidden video camera.

Mattel's Barbie Video Girl has a video camera lens in its necklace that can record up to 30 minutes of footage to be downloaded on a computer.

Officials warn that it could possibly be used to produce child porn, but say they don't have any reported crimes.

The FBI's Sacramento office issued a report with the warning on the doll last month.

FBI spokesman Steve Dupre says the alert was meant for law enforcement agencies advising them not to overlook the doll during any searches. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cholera in Haiti

A contingent of UN peacekeepers is the likely source of a cholera outbreak in Haiti that has killed at least 2,000 people, a French scientist said in a report obtained yesterday by The Associated Press. The scientist concluded the cholera originated next to a UN base. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Economy still needs stimulus: Bank of Canada

Central bank expected second half of 2010 to be weaker than first, but nothing like what has occurred

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▶Mark Carney

Canada's economy is taking a battering from the high dollar combined with low productivity and still needs the stimulus of low interest rates, the Bank of Canada says.

In a previously telegraphed move, the central bank announced yesterday it will keep its trend-setting interest rate at one per cent until next year — and likely much longer. But analysts focused on the accompanying statement from governor Mark Carney, which conceded that both the Canadian and global recoveries are struggling under stiffening headwinds of risk, as a signal of future intentions.

"The global economic recovery is proceeding largely as expected, although risks have increased," the statement said, citing renewed concerns that European debt woes will spill into global financial markets.

The bank said demand in the U.S., Canada's largest export market, remains weak, and even generally robust emerging markets such as China and India are seeing a deceleration of economic activity.

"The recovery in Canada, in the second half of 2010, appears slightly weaker than the bank projected" largely as a result of falling exports, it added.

"This underlines a previously identified risk that a combination of disappointing productivity performance and persistent strength in the Canadian dollar could dampen the expected recovery of net exports."

Statistics Canada reported two weeks ago that the third-quarter current account deficit had hit a record $17.5 billion, with net trade slicing 3.5 percentage points off gross domestic product growth. The strong currency contributes to the deficit in two ways — by making Canadian exports more expensive in foreign markets, and foreign imports less expensive for Canadians.

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Google. Chrome

▶ Google VP Sundar Pichai demonstrates the new Chrome operating system yesterday in San Francisco.

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Market debut delayed

Google is delaying the market debut of the first computers running on its highly anticipated Chrome operating system while its engineers continue to fine-tune the software.

Canada's five biggest banks keep steady

Canada's five biggest banks earned a combined $4.45 billion profit in the fourth quarter — marginally higher than in the same period last year — as weakness in corporate financing and trading revenues outshone strength in consumer banking.

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Market moment

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Julian Assange, first martyr of the Internet?

It certainly looks that way. The founder of WikiLeaks, the man who embarrassed heads of state around the world by leaking thousands of messages written by U.S. diplomats, has been arrested and is cooling his heels in a London jail without bail, waiting to find out if he will be extradited for having sex in Sweden.

Yep, you read that right. The more you read about the alleged sexual molestation case against the 39-year-old Aussie, the more you have to wonder if he's being set up for tattling on the world.

Accounts in Newsweek, the Daily Mail, AOL News, etc., make it clear he's not being held on rape charges, but something called "sex by surprise," and one of the women allegedly surprised by sex bought breakfast after the alleged surprise.

In Sweden, where casual sex is a sacred institution, second only to Ikea.

Meanwhile, my counterparts in the media, champions of freedom of expression all, are joining the mob to lynch Assange for spilling U.S. diplomatic secrets. It's his fault the nations of the world are engaging in skullduggery that can't bear the light of day.

"... the more you have to wonder if he's being set up for tattling on the world."

Everyone forgets that the Internet changes everything. They forget the original leak came from a disgruntled "intelligence" officer, who was able to steal all this confidential information by downloading it. No need to sneak around like Maxwell Smart with cameras shaped like cigarette lighters.

Pte. 1st Class Bradley Manning, 23, was allegedly engaging in the kind of cyber-leaking characteristic of the Internet generation. If it's digital, no secret is safe. U.S. diplomats, a bunch of geezers lulled by a completely unjustified sense of false security, felt free to send each other sizzling secrets via email. And now they're blaming Julian Assange. Manning could have just as easily leaked the information to SmokingGun.com, for example, and we could be running after those guys with torches and pitchforks.

Assange, a relatively old geek at 39, gets the new Borg Mind. Resistance is futile. WikiLeaks has distributed the Mother of All Secret Files to 100,000 co-conspirators in cyberspace, and if he goes down, he sends them all an encryption key, and that's it for secrets.

I don't know what's going to happen. I do know we're finally going to learn that privacy is an analog thing. I don't know if that's good or bad, but if you believe that those who hold the secrets hold the power, maybe you should hold a candlelight vigil for Julian Assange.

He's going to need it.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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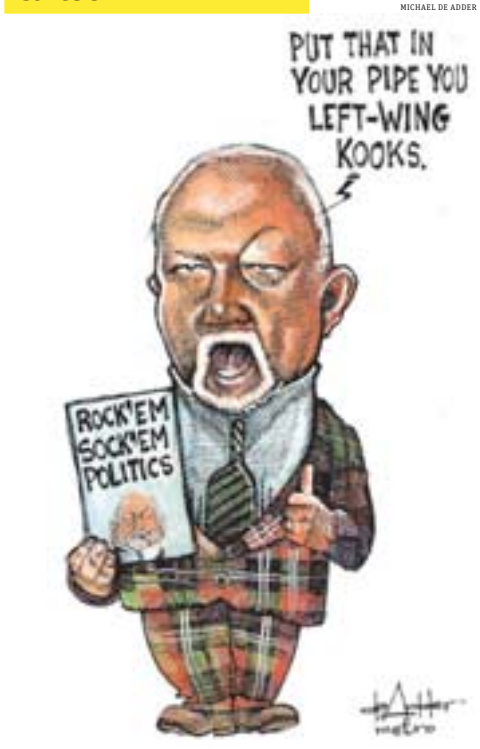

Collector nets nest egg

Worth mentioning

19th-century masterpiece

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To some it's just a bunch of bird pictures. To others, John James Audubon's Birds Of America is a rare blend of art, natural history and craftsmanship, unique enough to sell for more than $10 million US at a London auction yesterday — making it the world's most expensive printed book.

Some of the world's wealthiest book collectors had been anticipating the auction for months: It represents a chance to own one of the best preserved editions of Audubon's 19th-century masterpiece, with its 435 hand-coloured illustrations.

The book sold for $10,270,000 at a Sotheby's auction to an anonymous collector bidding by telephone, the auction house said.

While the Audubon volume holds the record for a printed book, a 72-page notebook of Leonardo da Vinci's handwritten notes and illustrations went for even more. Known as the Leicester Codex, the collection was bought by Bill Gates in 1994 for $31 million.

Each individual picture in Birds Of America is so valuable there have been some fears the volume could be broken up and sold as 435 separate works of art. Experts believe that unlikely: The tome is probably more valuable intact. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro Minute with Amanda Rheaume

When you get in the Christmas spirit with a live production of Ottawa artist Amanda Rheaume's Acoustic Christmas tonight, you're helping a good cause, too. A portion of the tickets sold for Rheaume's show, which starts at The Rainbow Bistro at 8 p.m., will go to the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa. Copies of the CD, which Rheaume released last year, are also being sold for $5 at the show with all proceeds being donated to the club. Tickets for the show are available at ticketbreak.com or Compact Music. If you miss the show, CDs are available at Bridgehead, Alfa Restaurant in Hintonburg and both locations of Compact Music. TRACEY TONG

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▶ Amanda Rheaume performs at The Rainbow Bistro at 76 Parent St. tonight.

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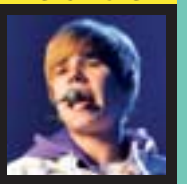

Canuck pop star Justin Bieber will soon be a collectible.

The 16-year-old Stratford, Ont., native is getting his own line of trading cards from Panini America.

Bieber, who also has a line of dolls, will be featured in 150 unique cards and 30 stickers when the trading card set launches this week.

The set will also have 500 randomly inserted authentic Bieber autograph cards, along with nine-card puzzles that create mini Bieber posters.

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Ex-Sunshine Band member sentenced to 7 years for sex charges involving teens

▶ Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie star in The Tourist, which opens on Friday.

Jolie gets in touch with her femininity

Actress gets to show off her elegant side in The Tourist ◗ Filming in Paris and Venice helped sway her decision to pick the movie

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For a successful actor, a lot of different factors go into choosing a project, but when it initially came to signing on for The Tourist, Angelina Jolie had one thing on her mind.

"I had questioned if there was anything out there that shot in a great location. Honestly, that was the phone call I made," she says with a laugh. "And I got this call that there was this film that happened to shoot in Venice and Paris and it was a real lady, so I was interested."

The film features Jolie, as the estranged girlfriend of a wanted felon, as she leads Johnny Depp's out-of-his-depths American tourist into an international game of cat and mouse, with cops from several nations and a handful of gangsters on the trail. But while there's plenty of action and gunplay, Jolie's character doesn't really get her hands dirty.

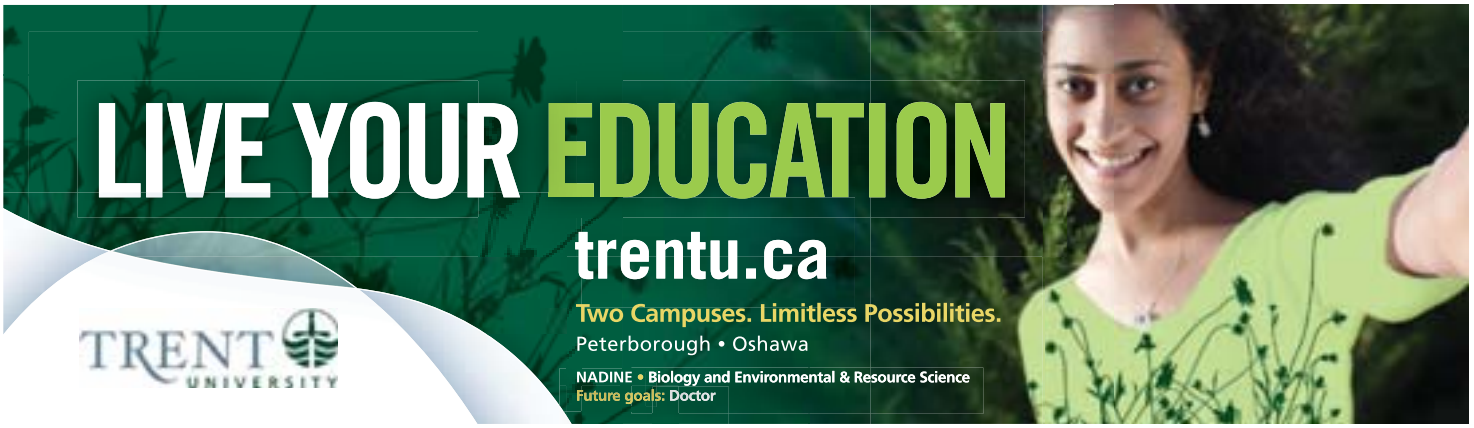
"It took me a while to get the heels and the gloves and the whole how to hold the handbag," she says of her über-elegant character. "I think everybody knows I'm not necessarily that female in that way. So it was a little bit of an exercise to get in there."

While working with co-writer and director Florien Henckel von Donnersmarck, Jolie found the hardest part of nailing the character was learning to take it easy.

"My note that I got every day was slow down," she says. "Because as very modern woman, we attack things, we're aggressive, we move through. We're like New Yorkers, you know? So this is the hardest thing for me, to kind of take a deep breath and just glide a little more. It took me a really long time."

Big family

Alone time. In the five years since Angelina Jolie met partner Brad Pitt, the actress has gone from a single mother with one child (adopted son Maddox) to a mother of six. So when does she find time for herself? "You just give it up at a certain point," she says with a laugh. "Even trying to take a bath, everybody comes in. You just give it up. And it's OK. But I try, when everybody goes to bed you try to have it, but no."



▶ Director Joseph Kosinski and actor Jeff Bridges from TRON: Legacy.

Keeping up with the times key for TRON

Technology evolved over the three-years of making the sci-fi sequel meaning the director had to be flexible

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As if making your first movie wasn't daunting enough, Joseph Kosinski took on the added challenge of trying to satisfy millions of fanboys when he agreed to direct the highly-anticipated TRON: Legacy.

"The original TRON was a completely unique vision; it looked like nothing else out there," said Kosinski behind his film's hit 1982 sci-fi predecessor. "It pushed boundaries in terms of technology in a way that hadn't been done before and I just think conceptually it was 10 years ahead of its time."

The tale of a son rescuing his computer-genius father (Jeff Bridges) two decades after he disappears into the digital game world he designed not only allowed the award-winning commercial director to explore an original vision, but it gave Kosinski the unique opportunity to work on the absolute latest technologies in moviemaking.

"Our production was pretty adaptive and we were always keeping up, changing methodologies in the visual effects," said Kosinski. "You can't really change the script or the story but in terms of your technique and technology, you have to just be mobile because it's a three-year project and things change."

That technological mobility gives TRON: Legacy an incredibly modern 3D look which complements the film's subject matter. As with the 1982 original, the thriller features such cool gadgets as the deadly discs and Lightcycles but it's the additions of such new vehicles as Light Runners (a sort of digital off-roader) that should make those fanboys even more excited.

"The biggest challenge on this movie is what it is on any movie regardless of size — it's creating a compelling script. That's what the focus of this film was despite all the technology that was swirling around it."
JOSEPH KOSINSKI, DIRECTOR

"I was a Pole Position kind of (guy)," said Kosinski about his favorite video game growing up. "(So) it's no secret that the vehicles were a favorite part of mine in this movie."

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Seeking salvation

Queen of the blood sucking genre moving on with her Seraphim series

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Anne Rice has been very open about consecrating her writing to God (the Interview with the Vampire author very famously rejoined the Catholic church in 1998 and then just-as-famously renounced her dedication to organized religion this year).

But if Rice had to do it over, she might have kept a bit more quiet about it all.

"I think it can be very off-putting to readers to read that you consecrated your writing to God. It can give them the wrong idea." Rice says,

"I'm absolutely committed to writing what reflects my own beliefs and my own world view. But I'm not sure I would tell anybody if I had to do it over because I think it stood between me and my readers."

Rice's new book, Love and Evil, out now in the U.S., is the second novel in Rice's Songs of the Seraphim series, which follows an ex-assassin named Toby on his quest for salvation.

And although Love and Evil is written in Rice's typical engrossing style — and comes complete with a nail-biter of an ending — she might leave her leagues of dedicated fans waiting a bit longer to learn more about Toby's fate.

"I can see the third book pretty clearly but I'm not going to write it right now. I need a little time to think about Toby's options and how he's going to respond to that cliffhanger," she says.

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ANNE RICE ON HER NEW NOVEL LOVE AND EVIL

In the meantime, the queen of modern vampire fiction says she's working on a book about the ancient mythical city of Atlantis — which excites her to no end.

"It's a book about immortals that have been on this planet since ancient Atlantis. It's really thrilling to be writing about immortals who are not vampires. You don't have to kill anybody, you don't have to drink any blood, but they're immortal. I get to have all the fun of describing how they see us and how they see our culture and see our Christian faith and all of those things from their perspective."

▶ Anne Rice's latest novel Love and Evil is on shelves now.

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Narnia's latest learns to swim in open water

Filming on the sea side was a big obstacle for director Michael Apted

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A big budget, a huge cast and crew and using 3-D for the first time are huge obstacles for any director to overcome, but nature trumped it all for Michael Apted, the director of The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader.

The third installment of the fantasy franchise hits theatres on Friday.

The biggest challenge was making a movie largely set on the sea, Apted said.

"I thought, How are we going to make a movie on water? I took some advice from some colleagues who said, 'Never make a movie on water', so once we'd resolved that it became more manageable," joked Apted, at a press conference at London's Dorchester Hotel, when asked about a scene where the children meet Aslan in front of a huge tidal wave.

"It's such fast-moving technology. I don't think we could have done the wave scene even 18 months ago. The technology for doing water has changed enormously."

Apted shot the boat on land by the side of the sea, so he had about 100 per cent horizon. It was placed on a gimbal so that it moved up and down and sideways, but the sea was created by computer effects.

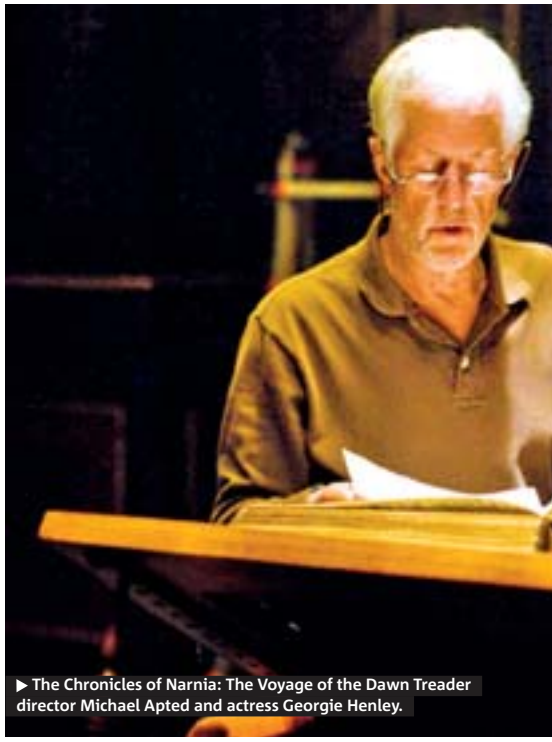
"It's a million miles away from Bond," said Apted, who was at the helm of James Bond's The World Is Not Enough.

"Where you're supposed to think he really can do it, you don't really go into the world of surrealism — at least not until after the one after I did, things went a bit haywire after that, because I wasn't there."

The film is 3-D, largely to create depth than to allow objects to jump out at you.

The CGI was created in 3-D and the filming was done in 2-D then converted.

"It was curious to me, that when we were starting converting, we took a lot of heat from colleagues like James Cameron saying that we would debase the coinage (value) by not shooting it in 3-D, but then I found out that he was converting Titanic into 3-D. Then I learnt that George Lucas, our great mentor, is converting all the Star Wars films into 3-D, so that tells me something, that maybe it is here to stay."


▶ The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader director Michael Apted and actress Georgie Henley.

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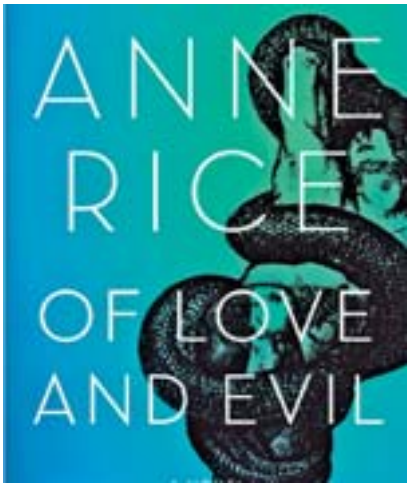

Enjoying genre

Anne Rice and her thoughts on the modern vampire movies:

- **Quoted:** "I saw the two Twilight movies and I thought they were fun," she says. "Since I don't write about the vampires anymore I'm enjoying it. I finished my work in 2003; it's done. I'm free now to kick back and watch True Blood on HBO and just enjoy it without thinking about ... the whole thing."

COMPLAINTS

Dr. Oz show under fire

▶ Dr. Oz.

The Dr. Oz Show needs a transfusion of respect for the nursing profession, a media watchdog group said after the TV show featured women costumed as sexy nurses.

The November segment about weight loss featured six women wearing high heels, retro nurses' caps and white dresses with red lingerie peeking out. The women danced briefly with series host Dr. Mehmet Oz and the audience.

Sandy Summers, executive director of the non-profit group The Truth About Nursing, called the segment demoralizing and demeaning to nurses. She has launched a letter-writing campaign encouraging others to protest it.

You can find out more about the campaign at the truthaboutnursing.org.

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Sweating the details

Fitness queen, Jane Fonda looks to bring a show to prime time television

Jane Fonda has something she'd like to work out: A television series.

"I have a sort of a vision of what it could be and that's all that I'll say," Fonda said in an interview last week. "I think the best, edgiest writing is now on cable television. It's pretty exciting."

While the Oscar-winner hasn't officially signed up for a TV show, she can be seen in new workout DVDs designed specifically for baby boomers.

"People who are of a certain age tend to be ignored by the fitness industry and being that I'm older and I've done a lot of research on what happens to a body when it gets older, I know that it's essential that we stay active," Fonda said.

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▶ Jane Fonda

The 72-year-old recently released Jane Fonda: Prime Time Walkout and Jane Fonda: Prime Time Fit & Strong.

She says too many older people dismiss working out, and that needs to change.

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JANE FONDA

"The worst thing that a person could do when they're older is to say, 'Why bother now? I'm older. I don't need to,'" Fonda said. "I'm on this crusade to get older people out of the chairs, off their couches, moving in a way that's safe."

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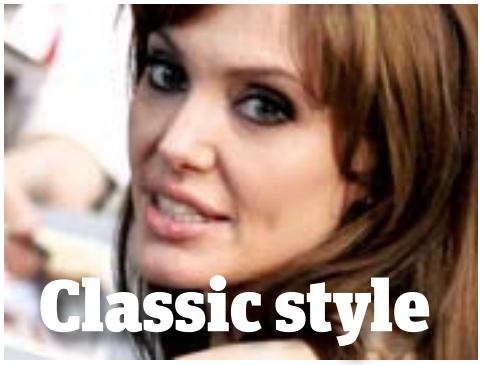

Classic style

Angelina Jolie is teaming up with jewelry designer Robert Procop to design a line of custom jewelry, according to WWD.

"Angelina has very classic style," Procop tells the magazine. "These are pieces she wears herself."

The items won't be available in stores, and will instead be sold privately, with proceeds going to charity. METRO

X-tina pregnancy rumours persist despite her denial

Aguilera facing questions over nature of new beau

The timing of Christina Aguilera's divorce from Jordan Bratman and her blossoming relationship with Burlesque production assistant Matthew Rutler have some speculating that she began her new romance before ending her marriage — and gossip blog the Superficial has gone so far as to say she may be pregnant.

While Aguilera has insisted that she only started dating Rutler after her split from Bratman, new photos from the Burlesque set published by the Daily Mail show the pair by each other's side on a regular basis earlier this year.

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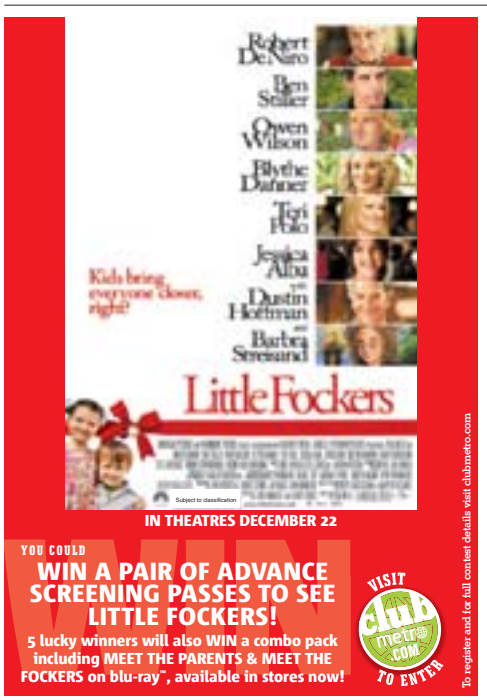
Celebrity tweets

Lady Gaga [@ladygaga]
Havin a little too much fun on tourbus. Played the album for label, the rest is History.

Justin Timberlake [@jtimberlake]
Justin Timberlake is alive! We raised $1mil to help KCA fight AIDS. Thank you so much and never stop buying life!

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman]
It's only romantic for a man to leave a trail of rose petals if he then cleans up said rose petals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Grammer proposes to new girlfriend

Though still not officially divorced from his current wife, Kelsey Grammer has proposed to girlfriend Kayte Walsh, according to Radar Online.

Walsh sported a diamond engagement ring while the two were in Washington, D.C., recently for the Kennedy Center Honors.

"They are engaged. They never really announced it," his rep tells the website.

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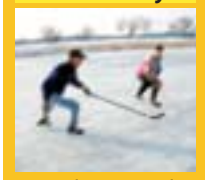

Boardercross and pond hockey are among outdoor activities available this winter in the Jacques-Cartier region outside Quebec City. Stoneham Mountain Resort, north of the city, has added a boardercross course and doubled the size of its snow park .

And the eighth edition of the Lac-Beauport Pond Hockey Tournament will be held Feb. 5-6, hosting more than 100 teams on 25 rinks.

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aspensnowmass.com

THRILL-SEEKERS
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Jackson Hole has some of the steepest and most challenging ski and boarding terrain in North America. And unlike many resorts in the U.S., it allows you to use the lift system to gain access to the surrounding backcountry. It's hardcore terrain, and not for the inexperienced or ill-prepared. There's no avalanche control, so you go out at your own risk.

jacksonhole.com

▶ Winter Park

BUDGET
Winter Park, Colorado

Winter Park is the closest major resort to Denver, making it a contender for a cheaper, one-week stay. There are three mountains with a huge variety of terrain and a very impressive snowfall record. There is a new resort-based village as well as a small town close by and together they offer more than 50 bars and restaurants.

skiwinterpark.com

NON-SKIERS
Heavenly, California/Nevada

Situated on the shores of Lake Tahoe, Heavenly is where to go to enjoy stunning scenery. It sits astride the state line and as Nevada allows gambling there are several major casinos with cabaret shows, gaming tables, restaurants, bars, spas and live music. There are also trips out into the desert, visits to old West ghost towns and boat cruises on the lake.

skiheavenly.com

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DO
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Relaxing is just the start

Want more than lying on the beach? The Dominican Republic offers plenty of adventures, from sailing to horseback riding

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Between bursts of Dominican sunshine and rum, you might forget to hold on for dear life. But no one on the catamaran sailing from Puerto Plata to the Bay of Sosua is unprepared for the unexpected.

While you might consider a Dominican vacation for relaxation, excitement and enjoying the geography can also be part your trip.

The Dominican Republic has many excursions to entice you from your resort. There are several on the peninsula of Samana, about 150 kilometres from Puerto Plata.

Samana is an up-and-comer for tourists looking for something besides beaches. Lush mountains covered in more than six million coconut palms make up the green landscape. Available through many local hotels and resorts, Rancho La Manzana provides horses and guides for a riding tour through the mountains to El Limon Waterfalls.

Despite her name, my horse, Violente, is calm as she treks through the rocky hills and slippery mud on the way to El Limon. We come to our destination in about 45 minutes — the top of another steep, jagged path. Too steep for the horses, hikers gingerly descend toward a stunning 40 metre waterfall, with a deep, green pool at the bottom you can swim in.

For a boating and hiking excursion, Samana's Los Haitises National Park provides a comprehensive half-day tour. Los Haitises, a sanctuary of caves and islands, is just a 45-minute boat ride from Samana.

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Some of the caves can be seen by boat, others include a short walk inland from a docking area.

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Not your Grandma's fruitcake

▶ A Rudisill rule: Make your fruitcake at least four to six weeks in advance. This gives its flavour time to develop.

Chocolate makes this oft scorned treat irresistible

Why is fruitcake the grown-up version of coal in your stocking?

"Most of them are just leaden," says Southern cooking expert Jean Anderson, who wrote the foreword to the recently rereleased cookbook Fruitcake, Heirloom Recipes and Memories of Truman Capote and Cousin Sook (University of North Carolina Press, 2010).

"My mother made awful ones and she finally just quit, which delighted all of us," Anderson said. "The reason Southern ones are better is because there's huge variety."

It was Marie Rudisill, aunt to the famed Southern author, who produced the slim volume Fruitcake in 2000 by culling numerous variations on the theme from a 19th-century journal.

Though the text has been updated, the book remains stuffed with nostalgia.

There's dark fruitcake, light fruitcake, fruitcake with coconut, pineapple or currants and many more. Regardless of the variety, good fruitcake – and yes, there is such a thing – abides by certain rules.

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Don't forget!

- **Keep it moist** During baking, rotate the cake every 15 minutes, Scott says, and don't overcook it. Rudisill suggests placing a shallow pan of hot water in the oven during baking.
- **Drink responsibly** Rudisill suggests wrapping the cakes in a cloth soaked in brandy, wine or juice and moistening it once a week. But Scott warns against a heavy hand with the booze. "If they like their bourbon, I tell them to drink their bourbon with the cake," Scott says.

Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shortening
- 250 ml (1 cup) sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 squares (each 30 g/1 oz) unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 10 ml (2 tsp) baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) milk
- 750 ml (3 cups) mixed chopped candied fruits and peels
- 250 ml (1 cup) raisins
- 250 ml (1 cup) broken walnuts
- 10 ml (2 tsp) butter
- Cocoa powder, to coat pan

Per serving: 416 calories; 185 calories from fat (44 per cent of total calories); 21 g fat (6 g saturated; 3 g trans fats); 56 mg cholesterol; 58 g carbohydrate; 7 g protein; 3 g fibre; 200 mg sodium.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 140 C (275 F).
2. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to cream shortening and sugar until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well between. Stir in chocolate.
3. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add flour mixture to egg-sugar mixture in batches, alternating with milk. Mix well. Stir in candied fruit, raisins and walnuts.
4. Use butter to coat a 25-cm (10-inch) tube pan. Dust pan with cocoa powder, tapping it to remove any excess. Spread batter in pan and bake for 1 hour 40 minutes or until a knife inserted at the centre comes out clean.
5. Let your recipe cool in pan.

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CHANGES TO YOUR PAY? STAY AND SUE

With a new company president poised to reduce operating costs, Lorenzo Russo saw the writing on the wall.

As the long time warehouse manager at candy manufacturer Kerr Bros. Limited, Russo was paid in excess of $100,000 — a salary considered excessive by his new boss.

After 37 years with the company, changing Russo's salary wasn't easy.

After slashing every employee's pay by 10 per cent and cutting the company's pension plan, the President focused on Russo, insisting he take a further pay cut amounting to almost half of his usual salary. When Russo refused, his salary was still reduced.

Russo responded by retaining a lawyer, who wrote to the company to complain.

When a substantial pay cut is imposed by a company, employees typically think in terms of "constructive dismissal," which permits them to leave and then sue for severance.

Here, however, Russo's lawyer confirmed that Russo did not accept the change to his compensation but instead of leaving, he was going to stay and sue for the difference in pay.

Russo and his lawyer hit upon something big in the case.

At a recent trial, the company attempted to defeat Russo's claim by arguing that having stayed on with the company after the change to his pay, Russo had effectively condoned that change.

However, Russo's lawyer argued that his client made it clear that he was not accepting the change to his pay and that by staying at work while he sued, he was simply trying to minimize any losses he would have suffered otherwise.

The court agreed with Russo and awarded him the difference in the pay he would have earned had his salary not been cut.

Allowing Russo to remain and work, despite his protests, was actually the very evidence that Russo needed to make out his claim.

What does this case mean for Canadian workplaces?

Employees are empowered to reject real changes to their jobs since, even in a tough economy, employers cannot simply force significant pay cuts or adverse working conditions on their employees.

Importantly, in light of this case, employees do not even need to leave work and go to court in order to protest these types of changes.

One strategy is now to stay and sue for damages.

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Becoming a megastar by mouse-click

For some, YouTube has been a ticket to fame — and fortune Viral veterans share their viewership tricks

There's a subculture of web users who speak reverentially about RayWilliamJohnson, ShayCarl, or MysteryGuitarMan.

They may not be household names, but Internet famous? Definitely.

YouTube auteurs aspiring to the same status gathered last week at Google's Toronto office to trade tips on how to hit it big on the video site.

Corey Vidal says getting a million hits on YouTube was tough but getting 50 million was much easier.

And while the 23-year-old Oakville, Ont., native doesn't think he's necessarily cracked the code to YouTube fame and fortune, he quit his job to become an online video pro.

"My advice is just keep going ... don't get discouraged if things aren't working," Vidal said during a panel discussion.

Vidal, known as ApprenticeA, first posted to YouTube to share a video with a friend, and didn't expect anyone else would see it — a fairly common story among users who had videos go viral.

It took a couple years of faithfully posting videos until Vidal got his big moment, and was featured on YouTube's front page.

"It was like winning the lottery. It was this fun thing and now — bam! — life completely changed forever. Everything has been different," he said.

"I've now started a company, hired employees and produce videos on an ongoing basis with my production crew." NEWSCANADA

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A demotion doesn't mean that you should settle

Career counsellors advise that being demoted at work can be your chance to bargain or start over ◆ Address your feelings of anger or disappointment and don't be afraid of your next move

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What higher management giveth, it can taketh away.

When your overlings revoke that prestigious promotion and dump you back onto the factory floor with the proletariat, the reverse vertigo can leave you feeling like a token trapped in the company's game of Chutes and Ladders.

The temptation for most corporate climbers who take a job title tumble is to hop up, dust off, and dive back in as if nothing ever happened.

But if you'd truly like to bounce back, career counsellors warn, you ought to first seek a sanctuary where you can vent frustrations.

"You need to have a support system outside of work where you can express how you feel so you're not holding it in," says Barbara Frankel, a career coach in New York.

"After you've gotten out your true anger related to the situation, express it to your boss where it's just at the level of disappointment.

"You can say, 'You know, I'm not happy about this. I really enjoyed and preferred that other job.'"

Once you've gathered a clear head, don't be afraid to drive a hard bargain.

"Most people start to feel like a chess piece, like the company is just moving them around, so they don't step up and negotiate," Frankel says.

"You need to enlist your boss, and talk about what's possible from here."

"It may be that your company doesn't see you as a big contributor and this could be an opportunity for you to step up," she adds.

If there's no possible way to view your demotion as an opportunity, it can always be an opportunity to leave.

"No one's got a gun to your head, forcing you to accept the situation," offers Maggie Mistal, host of Sirius Radio's Making a Living.

"It's still a choice you're making."

Whatever you decide, make it deliberate, she suggests.

And don't feel like you have to bum around in a degrading post just to keep your resumé in tact.

"If the resentment is that bad, keep job hunting and going for the job you're geared towards," Mistal says. "You can always justify that to a future employer.

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▶ A demotion can actually be used as a bargaining tool, according to career counsellors.

The nudge

For many companies, a downgrade in a job title is a tactic to nudge an unwanted employee toward the exit chute. Barbara Frankel, a career coach in New, explains:

- It may mean that the company is demoting you so that you'll be so disgruntled that you leave on your own.
- If you feel that the company is trying to push you out of the door, you may be right. Trust your gut.
- If you feel strongly against it, use this as a motivator to consider a career and life change in another office.

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Hearing the babble of experts is like trusting a chimp

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Humas respond very poorly to uncertainty.

Just think about how we look to weather readers for forecasts, and how often their predictions aren't exactly accurate.

According to author Dan Gardner, people look to experts to help set their expectations so they can be prepared.

The problem, however, is that these experts are rarely on the mark. In fact, not even close.

In Gardner's book, Future Babble, he references how Brill's magazine "compared the predictions of famous American pundits to a Chimpanzee named Chippy, who made his guesses by choosing among flash cards." Chippy had more hits than the acclaimed pundits.

Future Babble: Why Expert Predictions Fail — and Why We Believe Them Anyway
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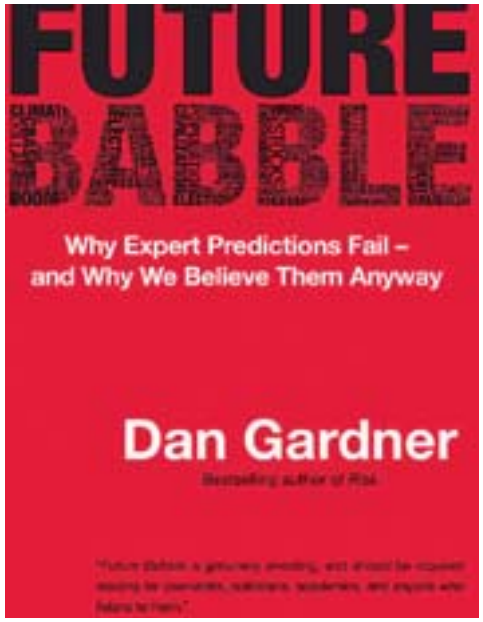

Gardner also outlines an exhaustive list of calamities, predicted and real, covering famous documents such as Paul Ehrlich's 1968 The Population Bomb, predicting mass global famine for the '70s (which never happened), and Ravi Batra's 1987 book The Great Depression of 1990, which ended up being a very brief and mild recession.

In both cases, the 'experts' defend their publications with "I was almost right" or "it wouldn't have happened if I hadn't been blindsided by an unforeseeable event."

One of the experiments Gardner discusses is a shock test conducted on a group of people.

Half the group was told it would have a series of 17 mild shocks, with three additional random shocks.

The other half was informed it would be exposed to 20 strong shocks.

Results showed that the group exposed to the full series of strong shocks felt far less anxiety as their expectations were that they were getting 20 strong shocks, no surprises.

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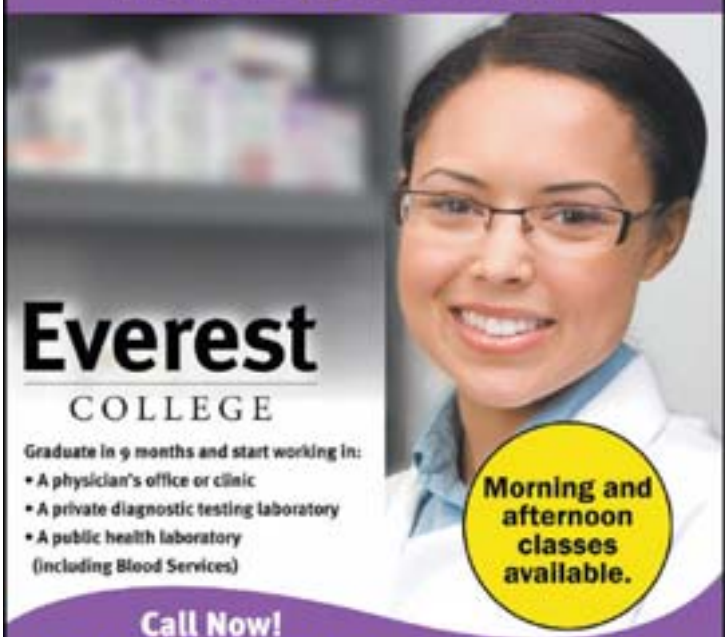

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▶ Experts advise putting emphasis on employees during holiday office parties.

How to deck the office halls in a different way

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Think you can deck your office halls with store-bought holly, string mistletoe under the fluorescent lights, sprinkle nutmeg in the coffee maker, and call it a Christmas fête?

Professional party planners say you might as well give your employees a lump of coal — or worse, coal with the company logo monogrammed on it.

"It's hard to forget about work and enjoy the festivities when the phones are ringing," says Phyllis Cambria, author of the Idiot's Guide to Throwing a Great Party.

Of course, it's also hard for corporate number crunchers to justify a lavish jingle bell rock in a recession Christmas.

But tough times, Cambria explains, transform seasonal ceremonies into must-have moments.

"What makes it worthwhile is when the bosses put the emphasis on the staff," says Party Charlie, celebrity party planner. "That's what a holiday party is for."

To pull it off, Charlie suggests getting employees to check their cynicism where they check their coat.

"Wherever you have your party, make sure you do something at the entrance," he says.

An unexpected greeting at the door can spark smiles, especially for spouses and family, Cambria advises.

For an extra layer of role reversal fun, have company higher-ups guard the entrance like butlers offering tray loads of treats.

"At first, people will be like, 'Hey what's going on?' but then they'll say, 'It's pretty cool to have the president of the company serve me hors d'oeuvres,'" says Cambria.

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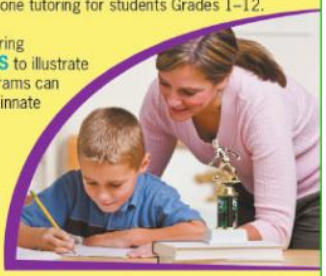

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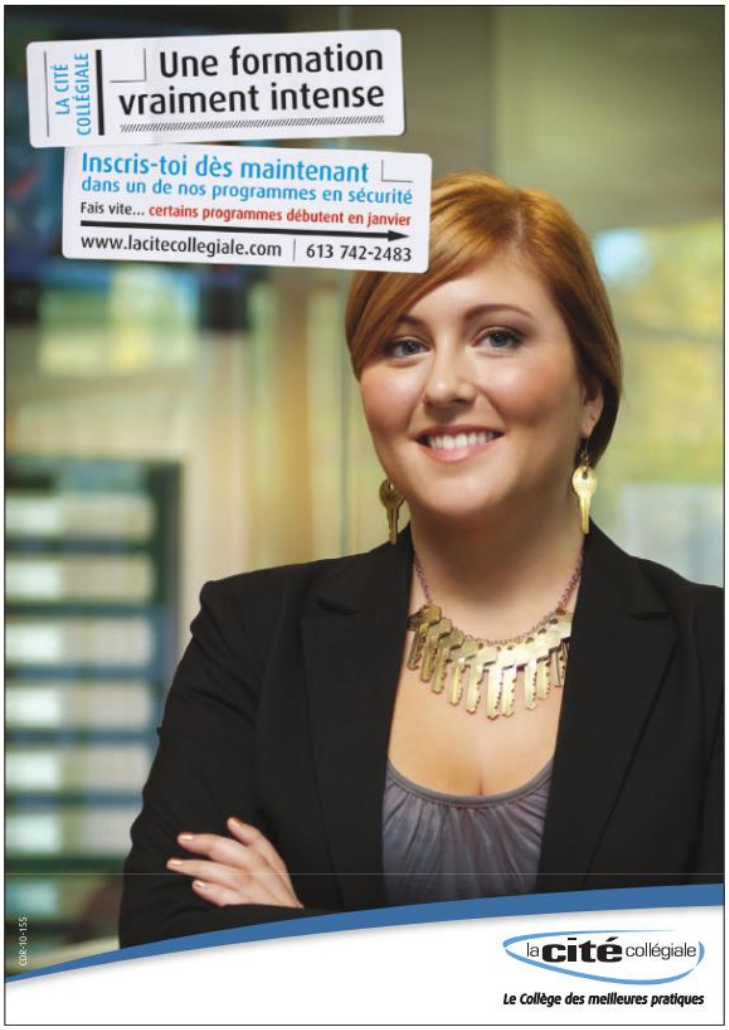
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Sens smoked in Montreal

Canadiens explode with three goals in third period to continue win streak

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Jeff Halpern, Brian Gionta and Roman Hamrlik scored in the third period as the Montreal Canadiens stretched their winning streak to three games with a 4-1 victory over the punchless Ottawa Senators last night.

Michael Cammalleri also scored for Montreal (18-8-2), which has won three of four meetings with the Senators this season. The Canadiens have at least one point in five straight games and have allowed only one goal in each of their last three.

Nick Foligno scored his second of the season for Ottawa (12-15-2), which is 3-8-1 in its last 12, although the Senators had three points from their two previous games.

Centre Scott Gomez left early in the second frame with what the Canadiens called a lower body injury and did not return.

Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson failed to pick up a point in an eighth consecutive game, eclipsing his previous longest drought set in his rookie season. Sergei Gonchar has also gone eight without a point, while Mike Fisher, Alex Kovalev and Milan Michalek saw their slumps extend to five games.

Montreal outshot Ottawa 35-28.

The Canadiens owned the first period, with a 13-6 shot advantage, but it took until their first power play to beat Pascal Leclaire as Cammalleri had two tries from the side of the crease before banking his ninth of the season in off the far post at 9:09.

Josh Gorges was sent off for interference with 30 seconds left in the period and 21 seconds later, Foligno's shot went off defenceman Jaroslav Spacek's stick and fooled Carey Price to tie the game.

Jason Spezza assisted on the goal to end his seven-game run without a point.

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▶ Andrei Kostitsyn is stopped by Pascal Leclaire.

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THE HOCKEY NEWS

SENS' GOAL IS CLEAR: SCORE

That the Ottawa Senators go into tomorrow night's game against the New York Rangers riding a streak of 178 minutes and 30 seconds without a goal at home provides a fitting exclamation mark to just how much trouble this team has had scoring this season.

This is getting scary folks, and you didn't have to watch two straight goose eggs on home ice last week to realize it. The Senators are on pace to score a historically low number of goals, which is saying something for this franchise. If the Senators keep up their current clip of low productivity, they will score fewer goals this season than they did during the bad old days of the early 1990s and during the pre-lockout NHL when hockey resembled the rodeo more than shinny.

After last night's 4-1 loss to the Montreal Canadiens, the Senators had a paltry 62 goals in 29 games. Projected over the course of the season, that would give them 175 goals, which would represent the lowest goals-per-game total in modern franchise history. The Senators were on pace to give up 240 goals this season, which is two more than last season.

But it's their inability to get the puck into the other net that will be the downfall of this team if it doesn't make the playoffs. Going into last night's games, Daniel Alfredsson led the Senators in scoring with eight goals and 18 points in 28 games. That was good for a tie for 75th place in NHL scoring. In the past 13 seasons, the lowest the top scorer for the Senators has finished in overall NHL scoring was 51st, and that was in 1999-2000 when certain top-10 scorer Alexei Yashin sat out the season and Radek Bonk led the team in scoring.

But it goes even deeper than that. For example, did you know that going into last night the Senators were one of only two teams in the NHL so far — the low-scoring Nashville Predators were the other — that has yet to come back from a two-or-more goal deficit to tie a game? That might have been acceptable during the pre-lockout days when a two-goal lead meant almost certain victory, but it is not in the new NHL.

So here's to hoping the Senators can score early and give their fans something to cheer about tomorrow night. If not, that smattering of empty seats you see almost every game is bound to grow.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	29	19	8	2	0	91	67	40	9-5-1-0	10-3-1-0	10-0-0-0	W10
d-Washington	29	18	8	1	2	96	79	39	12-2-0-2	6-6-1-0	4-4-0-2	L3
d-Montreal	28	18	8	2	0	75	54	38	11-4-2-0	7-4-0-0	6-3-1-0	W3
Philadelphia	28	17	7	2	2	95	69	38	10-5-0-1	7-2-2-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Tampa Bay	27	15	9	2	1	84	94	33	7-2-1-1	8-7-1-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Atlanta	28	15	10	1	2	88	80	33	9-5-0-1	6-5-1-1	8-2-0-0	W2
Boston	26	15	8	0	3	75	52	33	6-5-0-2	9-3-0-1	5-3-0-2	W1
NY Rangers	29	16	12	1	0	83	77	33	6-8-1-0	10-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Buffalo	28	11	13	4	0	70	76	26	5-8-1-0	6-5-3-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	29	12	15	1	1	62	85	26	7-7-0-1	5-8-1-0	3-6-0-1	L1
Carolina	26	11	12	0	3	75	84	25	6-5-0-1	5-7-0-2	3-4-0-3	L1
Florida	26	12	14	0	0	68	69	24	6-5-0-0	6-9-0-0	4-6-0-0	W2
Toronto	26	10	12	2	2	59	76	24	7-5-2-1	3-7-0-1	5-4-1-0	W2
New Jersey	27	8	17	1	1	50	81	18	4-6-1-1	4-11-0-0	3-7-0-0	L3
NY Islanders	25	5	15	3	2	53	83	15	3-6-1-1	2-9-2-1	1-6-2-1	L3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	25	17	5	2	1	86	67	37	10-2-1-1	7-3-1-0	6-2-2-0	L2
d-Dallas	26	16	8	0	2	76	69	34	10-3-0-1	6-5-0-1	7-1-0-2	L1
d-Vancouver	25	14	8	1	2	80	64	31	8-3-0-1	6-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Phoenix	26	13	7	4	2	74	72	32	5-3-2-2	8-4-2-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Chicago	29	15	12	1	1	90	84	32	7-8-0-0	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Columbus	26	15	10	0	1	70	71	31	7-7-0-1	8-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	25	15	10	0	0	69	61	30	10-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	W2
San Jose	26	13	9	4	0	78	73	30	7-4-2-0	6-5-2-0	4-4-2-0	W1
St. Louis	26	13	9	2	2	67	72	30	8-2-0-1	5-7-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Nashville	26	12	8	4	2	65	68	30	5-1-3-2	7-7-1-0	5-2-1-2	L1
Colorado	27	13	10	4	0	94	86	30	7-4-1-0	6-6-3-0	4-3-3-0	L4
Anaheim	29	13	13	2	1	71	87	29	9-6-0-1	4-7-2-0	3-6-1-0	L2
Minnesota	26	11	11	1	3	63	76	26	7-6-0-2	4-5-1-1	3-5-1-1	L5
Edmonton	26	10	12	1	3	70	93	24	4-6-0-1	6-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	W4
Calgary	27	11	14	1	1	74	82	24	6-6-0-0	5-8-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Montreal 4 Ottawa 1
Florida 4 Colorado 3 (OT)
Boston 3 Buffalo 2 (OT)
Tampa Bay at Calgary
Anaheim at Edmonton
Monday's results
Toronto 5 Washington 4 (SO)
Atlanta 3 Nashville 2 (OT)
Columbus 3 Dallas 2 (SO)
Pittsburgh 2 New Jersey 1
San Jose 5 Detroit 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
San Jose at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

CANADIENS 4, SENATORS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Cammalleri 9, 9:09 (pp)
2. Ottawa, Foligno 2 (Spezza, Karlsson) 19:51 (pp)
Penalties — Carkner Ott (holding) 8:43, Gorges Mtl (interference) 19:30.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Kelly Ott (boarding major, game misconduct) 8:46, Fisher Ott (double high-sticking) 17:38, Picard Mtl (tripping) 19:37.
Third Period
3. Montreal, Halpern 6 (Lapierre) 2:18
4. Montreal Gionta 9, 10:01
5. Montreal, Hamrlik 3 (Gionta, Eller) 16:28
Penalties — Carkner Ott (holding) 11:29, Campoli Ott, Plekanec Mtl (roughing) 15:38, Neil Ott (slashing), Moen Mtl (roughing, misconduct) 18:46.
Shots

Ottawa	6	13	9	—28
Montreal	13	9	13	—35

Goal (shots-saves) — Ottawa: Leclaire (L,2-7-1)(start, 18:06 third)(33-30), Elliot (15:38 third)(2-1); Montreal: Price (W,17-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-1. Montreal: 1-5.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Dan O'Halloran.
Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Jean Morin.
Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	24	24	48
Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	12	23	35
St. Louis, TB	11	23	34
Semin, Wash	18	15	33
Backstrom, Wash	11	21	32
D.Sedin, Vcr	14	17	31
B.Richards, Dal	12	19	31
Hejduk, Col	10	20	30
H.Sedin, Vcr	3	27	30
Sharp, Chi	16	13	29
Byfuglien, Atl	10	19	29
Datsyuk, Det	8	21	29
Heatley, SJ	13	15	28
Perry, Ana	12	16	28
E.Staal, Car	12	16	28
Ladd, Atl	10	18	28
M.Richards, Pha	10	18	28
P.Kane, Chi	11	16	27
Getzlaf, Ana	8	19	27
Roy, Buf	9	17	26
Havlat, Minn	7	19	26
Letang, Pgh	5	21	26
Giroux, Pha	13	12	25
C.Stewart, Col	11	14	25
Eriksson, Dal	10	15	25
J.Williams, LA	10	15	25
Plekanec, Mtl	9	16	25
Zetterberg, Det	9	16	25
J.Thornton, SJ	7	18	25
Toews, Chi	12	12	24
Kopitar, LA	10	14	24
Neal, Dal	10	14	24
Duchene, Col	8	16	24
Selanne, Ana	8	16	24
Liles, Col	4	20	24
Ryan, Ana	13	10	23
Dubinsky, NYR	12	11	23
Iginla, Cal	11	12	23
P.Stastny, Col	10	13	23
Tanguay, Cal	8	15	23
Ribeiro, Dal	4	19	23
J.Carter, Pha	12	10	22
Lucic, Bos	12	10	22
Marleau, SJ	11	11	22
Malkin, Pgh	8	14	22
Clowe, SJ	5	17	22
Enstrom, Atl	3	19	22
Vanek, Buf	10	11	21
MacArthur, Tor	9	12	21
Callahan, NYR	8	13	21
Lidstrom, Det	3	18	21

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

EUROPE

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

All Times Eastern
FIRST ROUND
Top two teams in each group advance Third-place teams advance to Europa League

Group A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Tottenham	6	3	2	1	18	11	11
x-Inter Milan	6	3	1	2	12	11	10
Twente	6	1	3	2	9	11	6
Werder Bremen	6	1	2	3	6	12	5

x — clinched berth in second round.
Yesterday's results
Twente 3 Tottenham 3
Werder Bremen 3 Inter Milan 0

Group B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Schalke	6	4	1	1	10	3	13
x-Lyon	6	3	1	2	11	10	10
Benfica	6	2	0	4	7	12	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	6	1	2	3	7	10	5

x — clinched berth in second round.
Yesterday's results
Benfica 1 Schalke 2
Lyon 2 Hapoel Tel-Aviv 2

Group C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Manchester Utd	6	4	2	0	7	1	14
x-Valencia	6	3	2	1	15	4	11
Glasgow Rangers	6	1	3	2	3	6	6
Buraspor	6	0	1	5	2	16	1

x — clinched berth in second round.
Yesterday's results
Bursaspor 1 Glasgow Rangers 1
Manchester United 1 Valencia 1

Group D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Barcelona	6	4	2	0	14	3	14
x-Copenhagen	6	3	1	2	7	5	10
Rubin Kazan	6	1	3	2	2	4	6
Panathinaikos	6	0	2	4	2	13	2

x — clinched berth in second round.
Yesterday's results
Barcelona 2 Rubin Kazan 0
Copenhagen 3 Panathinaikos 1

Group E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Bayern Munich	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
AS Roma	5	3	0	2	9	8	9
Basel	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
Cluj	5	1	0	4	5	11	3

x — clinched berth in second round.
Today's games
Bayern Munich vs. Basel, 2:45 p.m.
Cluj vs. AS Roma, 2:45 p.m.

Group F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Chelsea	5	5	0	0	14	3	15
x-Marseille	5	3	0	2	11	3	9
Spartak Moscow	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
Zilina	5	0	0	5	2	17	0

x — clinched berth in second round.
Today's games
Marseille vs. Chelsea, 2:45 p.m.
Zilina vs. Spartak Moscow, 2:45 p.m.

Group G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Real Madrid	5	4	1	0	11	2	13
x-AC Milan	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
Ajax	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
Auxerre	5	1	0	4	3	8	3

x — clinched berth in second round.
Today's games
AC Milan vs. Ajax, 2:45 p.m.
Real Madrid vs. Auxerre, 2:45 p.m.

Group H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Shakhtar Donetsk	5	4	0	1	10	6	12
Arsenal	5	3	0	2	15	6	9
Braga	5	3	0	2	5	9	9
Partizan Belgrade	5	0	0	5	1	10	0

Today's games
Arsenal vs. Partizan Belgrade, 2:45 p.m.
Shakhtar Donetsk vs. Braga, 2:45 p.m.
End of First Round

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	16	4	.800	—
d-Orlando	15	6	.714	1½
Atlanta	15	8	.652	2½
Miami	14	8	.636	3
New York	13	9	.591	4
d-Chicago	11	8	.579	4½
Indiana	10	9	.526	5½
Charlotte	8	13	.381	8½
Toronto	8	13	.381	8½
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	9
Cleveland	7	14	.333	9½
Detroit	7	14	.333	9½
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	9½
Washington	6	13	.316	9½
New Jersey	6	16	.273	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	17	3	.850	—
Dallas	16	4	.800	1
d-Utah	16	6	.727	2
d-L.A. Lakers	14	6	.700	3
Denver	13	7	.650	4
New Orleans	13	7	.650	4
Oklahoma City	14	8	.636	4
Phoenix	11	9	.550	6
Portland	9	11	.450	8
Golden State	8	12	.400	9
Memphis	8	14	.364	10
Houston	7	13	.350	10
Minnesota	5	16	.238	12½
L.A. Clippers	5	17	.227	13
Sacramento	4	15	.211	12½

d — division leader
Last night's results
Atlanta 116 New Jersey 101
Charlotte 100 Denver 98
Philadelphia 117 Cleveland 97
Golden State at Dallas
Detroit at Houston
Phoenix at Portland
Washington at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Indiana 124 Toronto 100
Atlanta 80 Orlando 74
New York 121 Minnesota 114
Chicago 99 Oklahoma City 90
Miami 88 Milwaukee 78
Utah 94 Memphis 85
L.A. Clippers 98 Sacramento 91
Tonight's games
Denver at Boston, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	18	157	155	494	27.4
Bryant, LAL	20	180	142	529	26.5
Stoudemire, NYK	22	206	139	556	25.3
Ellis, GOL	20	194	87	503	25.2
Nowitzki, DAL	20	192	100	498	24.9
Rose, CHI	18	172	78	448	24.9
Gordon, LAC	20	156	149	486	24.3
James, MIA	22	172	156	522	23.7
Westbrook, OKC	22	172	171	521	23.7
Anthony, DEN	19	149	121	433	22.8
Martin, HOU	20	127	151	449	22.5
Williams, UTA	22	162	123	480	21.8
Beasley, MIN	19	166	65	414	21.8
Wade, MIA	21	158	128	456	21.7
Gay, MEM	22	184	75	474	21.5
Granger, IND	19	144	72	406	21.4
Richardson, PHX	20	161	43	424	21.2
Curry, GOL	18	141	68	381	21.2
Howard, ORL	19	139	120	398	20.9
Ginobili, SAN	20	125	109	411	20.6

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Hilario, DEN	83	133	.624
Gasol, MEM	96	155	.619
Horford, ATL	154	260	.592
Johnson, TOR	78	133	.586

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

L.A. ANGELS — Named Keith Johnson manager of Salt Lake (PCL), Bill Mosiello manager of Arkansas (TL), Tom Gamboa manager and Damon Mashore hitting coach of Inland Empire (Cal), Brenton Del Chiaro manager and Trevor Wilson pitching coach of Cedar Rapids (MWL), Jim Gott pitching coach of the Angels (Arizona), Nathan Haynes hitting coach of Orem (Pioneer), Bobby Mitchell roving outfield, baserunning and bunting coordinator, Orlando Mercado roving catching coordinator and Jeff Pickler roving infield coach.
N.Y. YANKEES — Agreed to terms with SS Derek Jeter on a three-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

N.Y. METS — Named Leigh J. Castergine vice president, ticket sales and services.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Correia on a two-year contract. and LHP Scott Olsen on a one-year contract.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

EL PASO DIABLOS — Signed RHP Mike Cervera.

CAN-AM LEAGUE

WORCESTER TORNADOES — Released INF Christian Acosta and OF Stantrel Smith.

BASKETBALL

NBA

NEW JERSEY NETS — Recalled G-F Terrence Williams from Springfield (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

NFL

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed QB Max Hall on injured reserve. Signed QB Richard Bartel.
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed G Kraig Urbik on injured reserve. Signed G Chad Rinehart from the practice squad. Signed C Sean Allen to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed P Jeremy Kapinos.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Re-signed C Donovan Raiola.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Suspended DL Albert Haynesworth for the remainder of the regular season for "conduct detrimental to the club."

GOLF

PGA Tour — Named Andy Pazder executive vice president and chief of operations.

HOCKEY

NHL

DALLAS STARS — Assigned LW Francis Wathier to Texas (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Mike McKenna to Albany (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled D Oliver Ekman-Larsson from San Antonio (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Re-assigned C Joel Perrault to Manitoba (AHL). Recalled LW Jonas Andersson from Manitoba.

ECHL

VICTORIA SALMON KINGS — Traded G Daren Machesney to Elmira for G Zane Kalemba and future considerations.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	379	269
N.Y. Jets	9	3	0	.750	267	232
Miami	6	6	0	.500	215	238
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	243	333
SOUTH						
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	257	300
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	317	290
Houston	5	7	0	.417	288	321
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	263	235
NORTH						
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	267	191
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	260	201
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	229	239
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	255	322
WEST						
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	295	237
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	283	269
San Diego	6	6	0	.500	323	253
Denver	3	9	0	.250	256	333

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	308	247
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	344	281
Washington	5	7	0	.417	222	293
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	294	336
SOUTH						
Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	304	233
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	299	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	243	251
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	154	307
NORTH						
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	246	192
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	303	182
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	227	253
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	278	306
WEST						
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	240	289
St. Louis	6	6	0	.500	232	237
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	203	259
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	200	338

WEEK 13

Monday's result
New England 45 N.Y. Jets 3

WEEK 14

Tomorrow's game
(All times Eastern)
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13
Baltimore at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

All Times Eastern
Saturday, Dec. 18

NEW MEXICO BOWL

At Albuquerque, N.M.
Texas-El Paso (6-6) vs. Brigham Young (6-6), 2 p.m.

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

At Boise, Idaho
Northern Illinois (10-3) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 5:30 p.m.

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Ohio (8-4) vs. Troy (7-5), 9 p.m.

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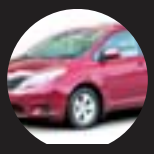
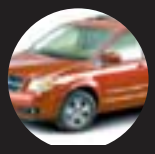
By comparison

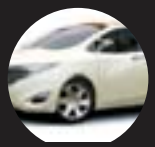
Toyota Sienna
Base price: $29,600
Updated 2011 minivan the only one to offer AWD and base four-cylinder engine.



Dodge Grand Caravan
Base price: $28,850
Chrysler needs to hustle to keep up with the newly updated minivans.



Nissan Quest
Base price: $29,000
All-new and more stylish edition set for launch in early 2011.



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- Once considered a dying breed, the minivan is making a comeback
- Honda's 2011 Odyssey is designed to drive like a European touring sedan; not just on gridded city streets

▶ If you can't get your groceries into this rig, there's something seriously wrong. Giant doors and giant openings are part of the Odyssey's charm even if the "lightning bolt" body line just isn't doing it for you.

A minivan that's not just for soccer moms

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With the sound of tires squealing and the aroma of freshly cooked rubber and brake linings hanging in the air, I quickly realize that no minivan will ever be driven this way. Ever.

Where is Honda's logic in setting up an impromptu parking-lot race track to drive the wheels off ... a minivan?

The point, though, is that a minivan can actually drive like a European touring sedan and not just in a straight line on gridded city streets. It's a good distinction from stereotypical minivans, especially when stereotypical minivans aren't really selling.

Minivan sales in North America peaked a few years ago before taking a dive. They have remained fairly stagnant of late, causing some automakers, notably General Motors and Ford, to abandon the category. Of those remaining, however, Toyota and Nissan appear to be taking radical styling departures in what has traditionally been a category of bread-and-butter toaster-shaped vehicles. So is Honda.

▶ There's enough room for seven people and plenty of seating variations.

The Odyssey is differentiated by an unusual hitch in the bodywork behind the sliding side doors. Honda calls it a "lightning bolt" effect that's supposed to increase third-row passenger visibility. That might be true, but from certain angles it's as if the rear third of the Odyssey's body is misaligned with the front two-thirds.

Fortunately the sharp-looking grille, the neatly tapered rear roof pillar and the more pronounced front fenders help make the Odyssey's wider (by 3.5 centimetres) stance look planted and even aggressive.

The distance between the front and rear wheels remains unaltered from the 2010 model, but overall length has been modestly increased and the ride height is a bit lower.

Significant attention has been expended in upgrading Odyssey's interior. The floor console can be removed, the second-row high-back bucket seats (or available three-person bench) can be either folded or removed and the third-row seat can be collapsed into the load floor more easily to maximize cargo room.

The Odyssey's 3.5-litre V6 is mostly a carryover piece but, as a result of numerous small improvements, it has gained more horsepower (now 248) and a touch more torque. The engine's standard variable cylinder management program seamlessly cuts out two or three of the cylinders (depending on load conditions) and helps contribute to significant fuel-economy gains.

The Odyssey drives flatter and truer than the outgoing version with much reduced body roll in the turns. Odyssey's engineers stayed with belt-driven hydraulic power steering and not electric, which generally tends to feel a bit slow to react in some driving situations.

No matter the Odyssey you pick, this minivan is bound to deliver the goods as well as a nearly unbeatable minivan driving experience that's definitely better than par for the (race) course.

The Odyssey

What you should know about the 2011 Odyssey

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive minivan
- **Engines (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6 (248)
- **Transmissions:** Five-speed automatic; six-speed automatic (optional)
- **Market Position:** Thought to be dying, the once moribund minivan segment is suddenly heating up. The latest Odyssey appears to have arrived just at the right time to capture what is predicted to be an upcoming sales bump.
- **Points:** Styling on fourth-generation model is a mix of mostly good, some iffy traits; Interior an ergonomic delight, save for non-flat-folding front passenger seat; Exceptionally smooth and quiet power train; Amazing that a minivan can handle and ride this well.
- **Safety:** Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.9/7.1 (6AT); Base price (including destination) $31,600

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Korean sedan a good family car

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If any car had the potential to change the public's perception of the Hyundai brand in the modern era, it was the last-generation Sonata.

Available from 2006 to 2010, the Korean automaker's bread-and-butter family sedan was packed with the engineering, quality and styling needed to give the big boys from Japan a run for their money.

In the used marketplace, Sonata's Korean roots and relatively short history as a family sedan contender mean that resale values will be relatively low compared to those of Japanese competitors.

If you're looking for a good deal on a used family car, the last-generation Sonata may be a great place to start — especially considering that it seems to have fared well where reliability is concerned.

Standard was a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine with 162 horsepower and five-speed manual transmission. A manual-mode automatic was available, as was a V6 engine.

Hyundai Sonata

History/Description
Shoppers in the used market will find entry-level Sonata models labeled with a GL badge, while GL V6, GLS and GLS V6 models filled out the model range. Sonata Sport and limited models were available in later years as well.

Available features included a power glass sunroof, 17-inch wheels, stability control, automatic climate control, an Infinity CD-changer audio system, remote access and power leather seats.

What Owners Like
Owners commonly praise the vehicle's styling, roominess, massive trunk, comfort levels and overall refinement. The V6 engine is a favourite with performance buffs, who say they enjoy the available power and acceleration. Long-haul comfort is rated highly too, as is fuel mileage with the four-cylinder engine.

What Owners Hate
Complaints include interior squeaks and rattles, some low-budget interior trim pieces, the lack of lighting on certain controls at night, and premature brake wear — though the latter is largely subject to the individual driving style and locale at play.

Common Issues
Noteworthy is mixed sentiment between two comfort-related aspects of the Sonata: the seats and the ride quality. Some owners rave about comfort levels related to both, while others complain of stiff, uncomfortable seats and a noisy and harsh ride. Take a lengthy test drive to ensure you feel comfortable.

In this writer's standard checks of numerous online forums and websites, no major, systematic or worrisome issues were found to be reported by large numbers of owners. Drivelines and major systems all look to be solid and dependable.

The Verdict
If you're able to find a good deal on a last-generation Sonata that's well-maintained, you'll likely wind up with a reliable, enjoyable car. Best of all, you'll save a few bucks, too.

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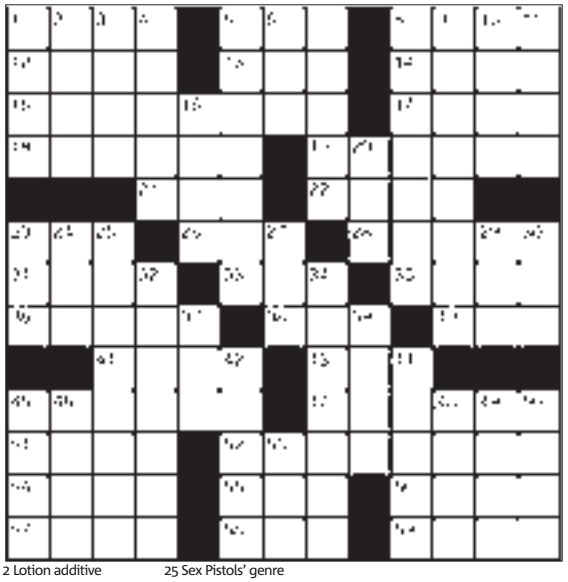

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8 Campus lecturer, maybe
12 Radius neighbour
13 Floral garland
14 Theater box
15 Illinois city
17 Land measure
18 Try a case again
19 Where a plug goes
21 Tackle the slopes
22 Muscular development
23 Rock band's enhancer
26 Salamander
28 Follows orders
31 "Magical Mystery — "
33 Thee
35 Hodgepodge
36 King of Crete
38 Make a decision
40 CDs' forerunners
41 "South Park" kid
43 Year-end abbr.
45 Mediterranean eels
47 Gets more out of
51 "American —"
52 St. Patrick's Day emblem
54 Reference bk.
55 "— Wiedersehen"
56 Inter
57 Black
58 Still
59 Turn on a pivot

Down

1 Perry Mason portrayer
2 Lotion additive
3 About 2.54 centimeters
4 Erie and others, e.g.
5 Extol
6 Always, in verse
7 Central portion
8 Ersatz pill
9 "Saturday Evening Post" artist
10 Shrek, for one
11 Stocking stuffers?
16 Phony
20 Discoverer's cry
23 $ dispenser
24 Miss Piggy's pronoun
25 Sex Pistols' genre
27 Excessively
29 Shrill bark
30 "Mayday!"
32 Monarchs
34 Factor in Marilyn's "Seven Year Itch" pose
37 Crafty
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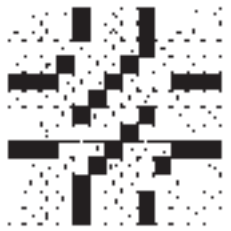

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
There is no point trying to force other people to think or feel the way you do. That will only encourage them to dig in their heels and stick with what they already believe.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Venus, your ruler, is currently moving through your opposite sign of Scorpio – and today is linked to Pluto, planet of passion. Therefore someone is sure to stir your emotions — but don't let them stir up a storm.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Focus on the realities of your situation today. Wishful thinking may be fun but it does not pay the bills and it does not take you any closer to your goals. Have confidence in your abilities.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 It seems you can do no wrong at the moment. It seems that everything you touch works out better than anyone expected. Keep the momentum going.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you go too far or too fast today you will find it very hard to stop and that could lead to all sorts of complications — and accidents. By all means have fun, by all means seek adventure, but be aware of the consequences too.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Someone you meet while traveling or socializing will be a lot of fun, and there is at least an evens chance that your friendship could develop in a romantic direction.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your taste for luxuries could get you into trouble, especially if you have other financial obligations that should come first. The bills will have to be paid some time.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Make a point of talking nicely with someone you have clashed with in the past. You have much in common.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You always go out of your way to help family and friends but today you will go even further and help someone you have no personal commitment to, simply because they need help and you are in a position to give it. You're such a nice guy.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Pluto in your sign makes a positive link to values planet Venus today, which will encourage you to pursue goals that are beneficial not just for you personally but for other people as well.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Try not to be suspicious if someone in a position of authority suddenly starts treating you like their number one buddy.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 This will be a productive day, but if you really want to accomplish something spectacular you must make a point of working with other people. Don't try to do it all on your own.
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